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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the action mailed October 1, 2004, which set a one-month period for response. This response is therefore timely filed.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. The Office Action states that the application is subject to restriction between three groups of claims, which are defined as:

Group I (claims 1-7 and 18-20 drawn to a pyridine derivative (class 546, subclass 249);

Group II (claims 8-12 and 18-20 drawn to an acid ester (class 562, subclass 598) and

Group III (claims 13-17 and 18-20, drawn to a furan derivative (class 549, subclass 479).

For prosecution in this application, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-7 and 18-20) without traverse. This action is without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a related application.

If any questions arise in connection with this Application, Applicants' Attorney can be reached at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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